Development of Tourism in Jharkhand

†2755. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposal for development of tourism in Jharkhand received by Government during the last three years;

(b) the number of proposals granted approval and number of proposals rejected together with the number of proposals still under consideration; and

(c) the reasons for rejecting the above proposals?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (c) Based on the proposals received and discussions held with the State Government, the Department of Tourism, Government of India sanctioned 8 projects amounting to Rs. 286.50 lakhs for Jharkhand during the last three years *i.e.* 2000-01 to 2002-03.

No proposal was received from Jharkhand during the year 2002-2003.

During the year 2000-01, Jharkhand State was part of Bihar and six projects falling in area under present Jharkhand State were identified and sanctioned for Central financial assistance of Rs. 206.50 lakhs.

During 2001-02, out of five projects forwarded by Government of Jharkhand, two projects were sanctioned for Central financial assistance of Rs. 80.00 lakhs.

All proposals received can not be sanctioned by the Department because of limited funds and competing demands from other States.

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